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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHAMBERS interviewed in Washington Field February 1 and 2, 1949 and information concerning residences of HISS obtained from him set out. Information from utilities companies reflect that ALGER HISS had duplicate service at 2831 28th Street, N. W., and 2905 P Street, N. W., from April 17, 1935 to June 29, 1935. Information obtained from real estate companies relative to leases of ALGER HISS set out. Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Jr., formerly Mrs. JOSEPH COTTON, who was believed to have met Mrs. CHAMBERS at 2905 P Street, interviewed and signed a statement that she cannot recall such a meeting nor recognize Mr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS from photographs exhibited to her. Signed statement obtained from ELEANOR VIVIAN PLUGGE who from newspaper photographs identified WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as an individual she saw at 2831 28th Street. Another signed statement obtained from CHARLES BITTINGER who associated a photograph of CHAMBERS with an individual he saw in front of HISS home at 3411 O Street. Other neighborhood investigation negative.

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INTRODUCTION

In the reference report of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 27, 1949, Washington, D. C., results of interviews had with certain neighbors of ALGER HISS at his various residence in Washington, D. C., were set out.

There are being set out in this report the results of additional intensive investigation at the addresses of ALGER HISS which investigation was conducted to identify individuals who recalled WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and who could furnish other pertinent information to this case. The city directories at Washington, D. C., were reviewed and the names of individuals residing in the neighborhood of ALGER HISS at the various periods in question were obtained. These individuals were located and interviewed where available and leads were set out to other offices in cases where they were no longer in Washington, D. C. The available photographs of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS were exhibited to the individuals interviewed.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed in the Washington Field Office on February 1 and 2, 1949, concerning the testimony of ALGER HISS before the House Committee on Un-American Activities to the effect that CHAMBERS stayed at the home of ALGER HISS at 2905 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for a few days in May, 1935, while awaiting his furniture from Baltimore to be placed in the apartment CHAMBERS was subletting from HISS at 2831 28th Street. CHAMBERS stated this was definitely incorrect, inasmuch as he had no furniture at that time and the apartment on 28th Street was given to him by HISS completely furnished. He recalls that HISS prior to the time his lease on 28th Street expired had the opportunity to rent a furnished house on P Street, namely 2905 P Street, and that he took this house, allowing CHAMBERS to move in his apartment on 28th Street for the duration of the lease. CHAMBERS said that he had no clear recollection but that ALGER HISS and himself or ALGER alone might have brought some few items to the apartment on 28th Street for him such as a baby high chair or the folding rubber bathtub for their infant. CHAMBERS stated that there was a possibility that he and his wife might have stayed one night at the house of the HISSES at 2905 P Street before they moved in the address on 28th Street, but that he has no recollection of so doing.

CHAMBERS went on to relate that after the lease expired at 28th Street, he and his wife went to New York City where they stayed a short time and travelled to several other places during the summer of 1935, and in the fall of 1935, they came to Washington, D. C., from Smithtown, Pennsylvania, on the Delaware River, and on this occasion they did stay with the HISS family

at 2905 P Street for a week or more. They came there with the intention of spending a greater time but Mrs. CHAMBERS had their infant with them at that time, it was necessary for her to make formula in the kitchen, which disrupted the routine in the house, and after about a week, they felt it would be more satisfactory if they moved elsewhere. CHAMBERS then moved to Baltimore where he took an address on Eutaw Place. On this move, HISS gave him certain items of furniture, namely an American oriental rug about 6'x 8' in size with a patch of rewoven material in the center, an old dropleaf table with a warped leaf which he was required to repair, a love seat, and a wing chair for the living room. CHAMBERS recalls that HISS brought these items over to Baltimore personally for him.

With particular reference to the address at 2905 P Street, information has been received by Washington Field, as set out later in this report, that a Naval officer was a visitor of ALGER HISS at this address and also a neighbor related that a man who visited there was reported to have been engaged in loud arguments with someone at this address over a woman. CHAMBERS was asked concerning the rental of the house at P Street, and related that he recalled the house was rented by HISS through an agency. He recalled that the house was either owned by a Naval officer or that HISS took over a lease from a Naval officer who was out of the country. He recalled nothing concerning any Naval officer who was a visitor at the HISS house at this address.

Concerning information relating to arguments at this house, he stated first of all that he and HISS had never had any kind of disagreement. He stated that HISS was not the kind of person to engage in loud arguments, that he had never seen HISS lose his temper or even raise his voice at any time; further, he stated that the physical setup there would have been such, in his mind, to render it impossible for neighbors to have overheard any such argument.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM
UTILITY COMPANIES

The records of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company were checked by Special Agent ROBERT E. NEWBY. These records reflect the following Connect and Disconnect orders for ALGER HISS at the addresses shown.

ADDRESS	<u>CONNECT</u>	<u>DISCONNECT</u>
3411 O Street	6-13-33	6-9-34
2831 28th Street, Apt. 42	6-9-34	7-2-35
2905 P Street	4-19-35	6-15-36

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<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CONNECT</u>	<u>DISCONNECT</u>
1245 30th Street	7-1-36	12-29-37
3415 Volta Place	12-29-37	10-1-43
3210 P Street	10-1-43	9-22-47

It will be noted that there was an overlap on the service at 28th Street and 2905 P Street. Special Agent NEWBY also advised that the records showed there was duplicate service at these addresses during the period in question, i. e., that when a person dialed the number in question the telephones at both address would ring and it would be possible for persons at both of these addresses to answer the call.

It will also be noted that an attorney for ALGER HISS had contacted the telephone company and had obtained information relative to the service shown above and that the telephone company made an error in furnishing the attorney this information, indicating that the phone at 2905 P Street was connected April 19, 1934 instead of April 19, 1935, which was the actual date.

Mr. JOHN M. HOWARD, General Commerce Manager, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, 723 13th Street, Washington, D. C., is the individual to subpoena in case these records should be desired in court.

Mr. R. W. WILSON, Public Relations Division, Potomac Electric Power Company, 10th and E Street, N. W., advised Special Agent JOHN J. WALSH that the records of the company showed that electrical service at Apartment 42, 2831 28th Street, N. W., was turned off on June 29, 1935. Mrs. ALGER HISS was then listed as the customer at this address. The electricity at 2905 P Street also carried in the name of Mrs. ALGER HISS was turned on April 17, 1935. The company records also showed that the former occupant at 2905 P Street, Lt. Commander BAXTER BRUCE, had his electricity turned off February 28, 1935. No occupant was shown at the P Street address and no current was used from February 28, 1935 until April 17, 1935.

If the records of the Potomac Electric Power Company are desired in court, a subpoena should be issued to Mr. J. S. BARTLETT, Commercial Manager.

Mr. W. EDWARD GALLAGHER, Legal Department, Washington Gas Light Company, 11th and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that the gas was turned off at Apartment 42, 2831 28th Street for ALGER HISS on June 26, 1935. The gas was turned off for Commander BRUCE, 2905 P Street

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on February 28, 1935, and was turned on for ALGER HISS April 17, 1935. There was no record of any tenancy or any service at 2905 P Street between February 28, 1935 and April 17, 1935.

Mr. R. W. WARD, Water Registrar's Office, District Building, advised Special Agent WALSH that the records of water service in the District of Columbia over seven years old had all been destroyed; further, that water service was paid for by the owner of the premises and that only rarely was service ever discontinued due to a change of tenants. The bills for water service are ordinarily rendered directly to the owner rather than to the tenant.

INFORMATION FROM REAL ESTATE COMPANIES

Mr. J. B. GILLIATT of the J. B. GILLIATT Real Estate Company, 2827 Dunbarton Street, N. W., advised that the leases of ALGER HISS for the address 1245 30th Street and 3415 Volta Place are no longer in his possession. The leases in question were forwarded to JOHN F. DAVIS, 1700 I Street, N. W., attorney for ALGER HISS by letters as follows:

Letter dated September 15, 1948, transmitted the following leases:

- (1) Lease SARAH W. S. MILLER and ALGER HISS, 1245 30th Street, June 15, 1936 to August 31, 1937;
- (2) Lease SARAH W. S. MILLER and ALGER HISS, 1245 30th Street, September 1, 1937 to August 31, 1938;
- (3) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939;
- (4) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, October 1, 1939 to September 30, 1940;
- (5) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, October 1, 1940 to September 30, 1941;
- (6) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, October 1, 1941 to September 30, 1942;
- (7) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, October 1, 1942 to September 30, 1943.

Letter dated September 17, 1948, transmitted the following leases:

- (1) Lease KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS, 3415 Volta Place, January 1, 1938 to September 30, 1938;
- (2) Lease ALGER HISS and EDWARD D. HOLLANDER, 1245 30th Street, January 1, 1938 to August 31, 1938.

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Mr. RANDALL HAGNER, Jr., of the Randall Hagner Real Estate Company, 1321 Connecticut Avenue, advised that the original leases of ALGER HISS for Apartment 42, 2831 28th Street, have been destroyed. The only record that the company has is the application card from HISS which was made to Mrs. WILLIAM JEFFREYS who was formerly the manager of the apartment. This card reflects that the period of tenancy was from July 1, 1934 to July 1, 1935. Mr. HAGNER also advised that the correspondence files of his company had been searched and that nothing additional pertaining to the above tenancy could be located and that a great deal of old correspondence had been destroyed.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN W. SWANSON:

HUGO FRANKENBURG of the Sandoz Realty Company, No. 2 Dupont Circle, N. W., advised the writer on February 8, 1949, that Lt. Commander BAXTER BRUCE rented the house at 2905 P Street, N. W., for approximately three years, until February, 1935. He stated that the house was then vacant until May, 1935, when ALGER HISS rented the house. He stated that he believes that HISS lived in the house for just a little over a year.

In regard to Lt. Commander BAXTER BRUCE, FRANKENBURG advised that BRUCE had previously been married and divorced, and had been remarried to a woman with two children just prior to renting the house. He stated that BRUCE was given a Court Martial by the U. S. Navy for non-payment of debts, said indebtedness having been caused, in his opinion, by his second marriage. FRANKENBURG stated that the company had no trouble with BRUCE while he rented the house.

Miss EDNA LONDON of the Sandoz Realty Company advised on February 9, 1949, that she did not handle the rental of the house at 2905 P Street, N. W., and consequently did not know much concerning it. Miss LONDON presented a ledger showing that ALGER HISS leased the house for one year from May 1, 1935 to May 1, 1936. Miss LONDON stated that this is the only record the company now has, however, she stated that she believed that HISS remained in the house for a short period after May 1, 1936.

Mrs. W. J. MILEHAM, secretary, Sandoz Realty Company, advised on February 9, 1949, that she furnished the actual dates of ALGER HISS' residence at 2905 P Street, N. W., to a representative of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. Mrs. MILEHAM stated that this information was furnished in the form of a letter, but that since that time, the record from which she took these dates, has been misplaced and has not been located.

A search of the records of the Sandoz Realty Company failed to disclose any correspondence from HISS or anything pertinent concerning his rental of the house at 2905 P Street, N. W.

Miss EDNA LONDON was previously interviewed by Special Agent JOHN J. WAISH and Special Agent CARL N. DE TEMPLE on January 18, 1948. At that time she advised that she personally rented 2905 P Street to ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. They were living in an apartment on 28th Street as she recalled but that she had never visited them at that apartment. She recalled that she met PRISCILLA HISS several times and met ALGER HISS only once. She advised on this first interview that she was unable to locate the lease or any other records whatsoever concerning the tenancy of HISS at 2905 P Street. She also advised that FONTAINE BRADLEY, an attorney connected with the firm of COVINGTON, BURLING, ACHESON, RUBLEE and SHORB, who was representing ALGER HISS had called at the office of Sandoz Real Estate Company and had been unable to locate any records concerning the tenancy at 2905 P Street.

It was subsequently determined that a letter had been sent by the Sandoz Real Estate Company to the House Committee on Un-American Activities indicating that the records of the company showed that the HISSES occupied 2905 P Street from May 1, 1935 to May 1, 1936.

The additional investigation at Sandoz Real Estate Company as set forth above was conducted because of the discrepancy between the first statement of Miss LONDON and the letter directed by the company to the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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On the afternoon of February 2, 1949, JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS accompanied by Special Agent FRANCIS X. PLANT of the New York Office, M. A. TAYLOR and J. J. WALSH, Special Agents, Washington Field Office, proceeded to the Georgetown area, Washington, D. C., by automobile where CHAMBERS identified the various residences of ALGER HISS which he had visited. Following his identification of these residences, CHAMBERS was shown photographs of the addresses which he had so identified and he signed the backs of these photographs as evidence of his identification. The addresses he identified as having visited were:

2905 P Street, N. W.
1245 30th Street, N. W.
3415 Volta Place, N. W.,
2831 28th Street, N. W.

CHAMBERS was also driven to the vicinity of 3411 O Street, N. W., where HISS resided from 1933 to 1934, prior to the time that he moved to the apartment on 28th Street. CHAMBERS stated that he believed he met HISS before HISS resided in the apartment on 28th Street and that the address near 3411 O Street looked familiar and it is possible that he visited him at this address but that he could make no positive identification. He recalled visiting HISS in a house which had a fire place opposite the front door.

3210 P Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents K. F. CARROLL and R. R. NICHOLS on January 19 and 25, 1949.

The following people, who were former neighbors of ALGER HISS when he lived at 3210 P Street, N. W., and at 3411 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., advised that they were not acquainted with ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS; that they did not know any of the HISSES' associates; and were unable to identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS:

Mrs. NORMAN T. ANDERSON, 3209 P Street, N. W.,
Dr. WALTER A. WELLS, 3059 Q Street, N. W., and formerly residing at
3213 P Street, N. W.
Mr. ERNEST R. JOHNSON, cleaning shop at 3252 Prospect Street, N. W.,
and formerly residing at 3214 P Street, N. W.
Mr. JOSEPH H. WARNER, 3306 P Street, N. W., and formerly residing
at 3427 O Street, N. W.
Mrs. ANNE LOCKER, 3423 O Street, N. W., and formerly residing at
3411 O Street, N. W. (Mrs. LOCKER advised that her hus-
band, JOHN LOCKER, died three years ago.)

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Mr. WILLIAM F. EARLS, formerly of 3212 P Street, N. W., now lives at 17 East 84th Street, New York City, according to Mrs. MAURICE A. HESS, 3417 Reservoir Road, N. W.

Mrs. WILLIAM B. CHERIN, 3630 N Street, N. W., formerly of 1519 35th Street, N. W., when HISS resided at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., stated that she was introduced to Mrs. ALGER HISS by a Mrs. JACK TATE, whose husband is employed by the State Department. Mrs. CHERIN advised that she knew Mrs. HISS casually, as a neighbor, and passed the time of day with her whenever they met on the street. Mrs. CHERIN related that Mrs. HISS was at her home on one occasion for tea and that this was the extent of their association. Mrs. CHERIN stated that her son later attended the Dalton School in New York and that she met Mrs. HISS there on one occasion due to the fact that Mrs. HISS was teaching at the school.

Mrs. CHERIN advised that she had never met Mr. HISS personally but had seen him on two occasions; once when HISS was present at an open forum held at the Shoreham Hotel which forum was sponsored by some civic group, which one Mrs. CHERIN did not recall, but the group had as a functionary a Mrs. PINCHOT; and the other occasion was approximately one year ago when BERNARD BARUCH was presented with an award in New York and HISS was present on the speakers' platform but did not speak. Mrs. CHERIN advised that she was not acquainted with any associates of the HISSES nor could she identify the pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which were shown to her.

Mrs. MARGARET LEWIS, Chief of Personnel, Services Branch American Red Cross, advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILMARSH S. LEWIS, who formerly resided at 3201 P Street, N. W., could now be contacted at Farmington, Connecticut, where their home is located, however, no local address was available.

A check of the City Directory for 1942 reflected that a Mrs. PAULINE GRDESCU resided at 3210 P Street, N. W., during this time, however, Mrs. GRDESCU was not listed in the 1943 City Directory. Mrs. GRDESCU was not listed in the 1948 City or Telephone Directories nor was there any record of her at the Credit Bureau.

Mrs. JACK B. TATE, 4432 Q Street, N. W., stated that she became acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS when they were attending Bryn Mawr College together in the 1920's. At the time, Mrs. TATE was a freshman and Mrs. HISS was a senior. Mrs. TATE stated that the next contact she had with PRISCILLA was in Washington, D. C., and that she visited in the HISS home on numerous occasions. She added that she did not know ALGER as well as PRISCILLA, but that he had visited in the TATE home about four times. Mrs. TATE advised that on these occasions, there were other people present at their home other than

the HISSES, however, she could not remember the name of any of these people.

Mrs. TATE said that she could not remember seeing any certain make of typewriter in the HISS home, although she may have seen one, would not remember the name of the company who made it. She could not identify the pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, nor could she recall the name as being familiar to her at the time the HISSES lived at Volta Place and P Street. Mrs. TATE advised that she did not have any correspondence from PRISCILLA or ALGER HISS, although she suggested that correspondence from PRISCILLA might be obtained at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, because of the fact that PRISCILLA was formerly head of the Scholarship Committee and had written a letter of recommendation for a Miss MABEL FOESCH to Bryn Mawr in 1937. A teletype was sent to Philadelphia, New York, and the Bureau on January 27, 1949, to check Bryn Mawr records under the name of MABEL FOESCH in an attempt to secure this correspondence.

Mrs. TATE also suggested that Potomac School records in Washington be checked since PRISCILLA formerly taught there. She stated that another person, who knows the HISSES fairly well, is Mrs. HENRY ABBOTT, 2205 California Street, N. W., and that a MARY CATHERINE WOODWARD, a classmate of PRISCILLA, and who is presently teaching at Bryn Mawr, would know PRISCILLA well.

Mrs. TATE also stated that a Miss JULIA WARD, 1426 36th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., was an official in the Dean's Office at Bryn Mawr when PRISCILLA attended there. Mr. JACK B. TATE works at the State Department, but Mrs. TATE said that he was not with State at the time HISS was there and became acquainted only through Mrs. TATE because of Mrs. TATE's school acquaintanceship with PRISCILLA.

Mrs. TATE stated that it was surprising for her to learn that ALGER HISS had become involved in his present situation, because she always considered the HISSES to be nice, quiet people who never went out very much socially. She said she had never had any reason to question the HISSES' activities or associates.

Mr. GARDNER PALMER, room 632, State Department, Annex Number 7, at 21st and C Streets, N. W., advised that he formerly resided at 1613 33rd Street, N. W., in 1943, but that he was not acquainted with ALGER HISS as a neighbor or as a fellow employee. Mr. PALMER did not identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mr. HARRY PRINCE, 1654 33rd Street, N. W., who formerly ran a grocery store at 3218 P Street, N. W., at the time the HISSES lived at 3210 P Street, N. W., stated that he was not acquainted with the HISSES and did not recognize pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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3415 Volta Place

The records of the J. B. GILLIATT Company, real estate agents, 2827 Dunbarton Street, N. W., were checked by Special Agent J. J. WALSH concerning the rental of this address by ALGER HISS. The original leases were not in the possession of this company and information was received that the leases in question had been transmitted by letters dated September 15 and September 17, 1948, to JOHN F. DAVIS, 1700 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. According to Mr. GILLIATT, Mr. DAVIS is attorney for ALGER HISS. The leases in question were all drawn up between KATHERINE H. FLANAGAN, the owner of the premises at 3415 Volta Place, and ALGER HISS and were for the following dates:

1-1-38 to 9-30-38
10-1-38 to 9-30-39
10-1-39 to 9-30-40
10-1-40 to 9-30-41
10-1-41 to 9-30-42
10-1-42 to 9-30-43

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER:

In an effort to locate GEORGE C. SCOTT, a resident at 3326 Volta Place, N. W., in 1940, and Mrs. EMMA THOMPSON, a resident at the same address in 1941, the writer contacted all persons listed under the same names in the 1948 street and telephone directories with negative results.

A check was also made for the same purpose at The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N. W., and the Georgetown Branch Post Office, with negative results.

MAURICE F. ADAMSON, 232 Randolph Place, N. E., was interviewed by Agent KENOYER and Special Agent CHARLES H. OLSEN on January 17, 1948. He stated that he resided at 3308 Volta Place, N. W., for approximately four years but that he could not recall the exact dates. He advised that he was not aware that ALGER HISS was living in the same neighborhood and that he did not know him or Mr. CHAMBERS.

In the presence of agents, Mr. ADAMSON contacted his wife on the telephone and was advised by her that she was not acquainted with ALGER HISS or had never seen Mr. CHAMBERS in the neighborhood. Both Mr. ADAMSON and his wife advised that they do not know either GEORGE G. SCOTT or Mrs. EMMA THOMPSON who were residents at 3326 Volta Place, N. W., during 1940 and 1941.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. R. NICHOLS and K. F. CARROLL on January 14 and 17, 1949.

The following neighbors of ALGER HISS, while HISS lived at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., were contacted and stated that they were not acquainted with HISS, and that they did not recognize pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, which were taken in 1933 and 1936:

Mr. PAUL F. KANE, 1532 34th Street, N. W., since 1940;
Mrs. DORO O'CONNOR, 1513 35th Street, N. W., since 1940;
Mr. JAMES T. WELCH, 1538 34th Street, N. W., since 1940.

Mr. MORTON W. ROYSE, 3831 Beecher Road, N. W., who lived at 1535 34th Street, N. W., in 1941, has moved to Italy where he is working with IRO. Mr. ROYSE's wife and daughter went to Italy with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON:

Mr. JEAN DELATRE SEGUY, Room 310 Shoreham Building, Attorney, advised that he resided at 3303 Volta Place, N. W., from 1931 to 1941. His present home address is 3021 Q Street, N. W. Mr. SEGUY stated that he is not acquainted with Mr. ALGER HISS or with Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS nor has he any information concerning their associates.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD D. CONNORS:

It will be recalled that the building which occupies 1537-41 34th Street, N. W., is occupied by the Volta Bureau which is an organization dedicated to the aid of the deaf. It should be noted that the backyard of the Volta Bureau extends to the boundaryline of the house at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., which house was occupied by ALGER HISS.

Miss JOSEPHINE TIMBERLAKE, Director of the Volta Bureau and Mrs. LAURA STOVEL both of whom reside at 1538 44th Street, N. W., advised that they had not known until very recently that HISS occupied the house at 3415 Volta Place. Both stated they were completely unable to recognize photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as anyone they had seen. Both stated that at no time had the Volta Bureau been in possession of a Woodstock typewriter. Miss TIMBERLAKE recalled that for a long period of time the American Hearing Society had occupied offices at the rear of the building which houses the Volta Bureau and that Miss BETTY WRIGHT and Miss ADA HILL had worked in these offices for a considerable period of time. Miss TIMBERLAKE further recalled that both of these individuals had been

seated at desks which commanded a view of the side of the HISS house. Miss TIMBERLAKE further stated that one SAM DIXON, a negro janitor who resides at 4031 Davis Place, N. W., has for many years been employed by the Volta Bureau as a general handyman. Miss TIMBERLAKE stated that DIXON rakes up the backyard of the Volta Bureau, repairs the fence and in general was engaged in gardening work near the HISS residence. Miss TIMBERLAKE advised that DIXON was an extremely intelligent individual.

At the American Hearing Society, 817 14th Street, N. W., Miss ADA HILL who resides at 2126 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Apartment 71, stated that she had been employed by the American Hearing Society at the 34th Street address from January, 1930 until March, 1948 and during virtually that entire period her office had been in the rear of the building so situated that it afforded her a view of the side of the HISS residence. Miss HILL stated that she was not aware until very recently that ALGER HISS occupied that house. Miss HILL stated upon seeing the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS that she was quite sure that she had seen CHAMBERS before although she could not connect him with the HISS residence or with the Volta Place neighborhood. Miss HILL, however, was insistent that this picture greatly resembled someone whom she has seen numerous times but she could give no further specific information.

Miss HILL did recall clearly that in about 1943 a colored maid employed at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., was observed by Miss HILL to be overly interested in her employer's affairs and Miss HILL states that she has seen this maid read letters, examine bank books, and otherwise concern herself with the contents of a desk at 3415 Volta Place which desk was placed near a window and within Miss HILL's field of vision. Miss HILL cannot recall the exact date of these domestic depredations but states she believes it to be about 1943.

Miss BETTY WRIGHT also employed by the American Hearing Society stated upon viewing the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS that she had no recollection of ever having seen CHAMBERS. She further advised that although her desk at the Volta Bureau Building was so situated from 1943 until 1948 that it afforded a view of the HISS home, she had not been concerned with the activities at the HISS house and could furnish no information whatsoever in connection with HISS. Miss WRIGHT resides at 1538 44th Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CARL N. DE TEMPLE and HAROLD A. BERGER:

Mrs. FRANCES J. DOGGETT, who has been a resident of 1529 34th Street, N. W., for approximately twenty years, and Mr. ELMER L. HARTLEY, Post Engineer

at Fort Myer, Virginia, who has resided at 1530 34th Street, N. W., for approximately seventeen years, advised that they had no knowledge of ALGER HISS and his family ever residing at 3415 Volta Place or in that neighborhood. Two photographs of J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, taken in 1931 and 1936, respectively, were exhibited to these individuals and neither could recall ever observing CHAMBERS frequenting that neighborhood. Also, the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and other names associated with him were not familiar to either Mrs. DOGGETT or Mr. HARTLEY. It is to be noted that Mrs. DOGGETT resides alone at 1529 34th Street, N. W., and that Mr. HARTLEY's wife is deceased and that he also resides alone in his residence.

Neither Mrs. DOGGETT nor HARTLEY could recommend the names of any individual who might be in possession of any information pertinent to this inquiry.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HERBERT S. HAWKINS:

Mr. GLENN E. BINNS, painter, Mt. Alto Hospital, 2650 Wisconsin Avenue, stated that he had lived at 3312 Volta Place, N. W., but had never heard of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, was not able to identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, and had no information concerning the HISS typewriter or typewritten material from the HISS family.

Mr. LOUIS MOGIN, 3318 Volta Place, N. W., stated that he operates a furniture and trade shop at this address, and advised that he did not know any member of the HISS family. He stated that he had never dealt with ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, and had no information concerning a Woodstock typewriter or typewritten material from the HISS family. He was not able to identify photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Special Agent HAWKINS and Special Agent CARL N. DE TEMPLE interviewed Mr. and Mrs. JAMES G. CROWLEY, 4818 Woodway Lane, N. W., and Mr. CROWLEY stated that he had lived at 3332 Volta Place, N. W., and, to his knowledge, had never met any member of the HISS family. He was not able to identify the CHAMBERS photographs, and had no information regarding typewritten material from the HISS family or concerning the Woodstock typewriter in question. Mrs. CROWLEY advised that she had worked under PRISCILLA HISS as an Air Raid Warden in Georgetown. She has never been in PRISCILLA's home, and was not able to identify the CHAMBERS photographs, and had never received any correspondence or typewritten material from any member of the HISS family. She stated that PRISCILLA HISS was a great friend of Mrs. ERNEST I. LEWIS of 3099 Q Street, N. W. Mr. CROWLEY stated that he had attended all of the HCUA hearings on HISS and is thus familiar with the faces of ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but stated that he was not able to identify the pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by associating him in the vicinity of Volta Place, N. W.

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Mr. WILLIAM NORTH, employee of the Gallagher Laundry, 1401 L Street, S. E., stated that he had formerly lived at 3340 Volta Place, N. W., in 1942 and 1943, but has never heard of ALGER HISS or any one named HISS. He was not able to recognize pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and stated that he has never received any typewritten material from any member of the HISS family and has never owned a typewriter in his life.

Mr. WILLIAM JONES, 3328 Volta Place, N. W., advised that he has lived at this residence for nine or ten years, and has never heard of anyone named HISS. He further stated that he did not know any of the white families living in the neighborhood. He was not able to identify or recognize pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and had no information relevant to a Woodstock typewriter or typewritten material from HISS.

JAMES ROLLINS, formerly of 3340 Volta Place, N. W., in 1941, while ALGER HISS resided at 3415 Volta Place, was found to have left the employ of the Yale Laundry, 347 New York Avenue, N. W., in September, 1947, and died shortly thereafter, according to the laundry records. Inquiries in the neighborhood of 2001 Rosedale Street, N. E., failed to produce the whereabouts of Mrs. BESSIE ROLLINS, wife of JAMES ROLLINS. Mrs. BESSIE ROLLINS of 206 11th Street, S. E., and a Mrs. MARY H. ROLLINS of 4014 N. 21st Street, Arlington, Virginia, were interviewed at Woodward and Lothrop Warehouse and found not to be the correct ROLLINS family. Special Agent R. R. NICHOLS ascertained that JAMES ROLLINS of 1005 S Street, N. W.; JAMES H. ROLLINS of 219 East Bellefonte Avenue; and Mrs. CARLENA ROLLINS of 28 Defrees Street, N. W., were also of the ROLLINS family.

It was ascertained at the Georgetown Branch Post Office that RAYMOND D. JAMESON, formerly of 3334 Volta Place, N. W., in 1942 and 1943, moved to Route 4, Box 104, Corvallis, Oregon in June, 1948.

It was ascertained through Air Force records that GEORGE E. DIETHELM, formerly of 3326 Volta Place, N. W., in 1943, was relieved of active duty on December 9, 1945, as a Lieutenant Colonel, ASN 0-900825. His 1947 addresses were listed as 120 Wall Street, New York, New York, and 31 Rockway Road, Garden City, Long Island, New York.

A lead was set out by letter dated February 4, 1949, to the Portland, Oregon, office to contact Mr. JAMESON.

A lead to contact Mr. DIETHELM was set out by teletype to New York on February 2, 1949.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT O. CHICHESTER and Special Agent DONALD WALTER:

Mrs. BUDD GARY, negro, presently residing at 4208 Foote Street, N. E., advised that she and her husband resided at 3312½ Volta Place, N. W., during years 1940 to 1943. She stated that she does not recall having ever seen ALGER HISS and she stated that she is unacquainted with any member of his family.

Mrs. GEORGE B. RUBLE, 1238 34th Street, N. W., who formerly resided at 3425 O Street, N. W., advised that she did not know ALGER HISS and that inasmuch as she and her husband had been discussing the fact that they had previously lived near HISS, and her husband had remarked he had never known HISS, she felt she could also say that her husband was not acquainted with HISS.

Mrs. MADELINE MCCANDLESS, 1679 31st Street, N. W., who formerly resided at 1542 34th Street, N. W., advised that she was totally unacquainted with ALGER HISS.

Mr. SAM DIXON, a negro, who resides at 4031 Davis Place, N. W., and who has been employed by the Volta Bureau for the past seventeen years, advised that he knew both ALGER and DONALD HISS by sight and often passed the time of day with them. DIXON had no knowledge whatsoever in connection with the Woodstock typewriter of ALGER HISS and failed to recognize the pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as anyone he had ever seen. DIXON stated he was acquainted with an individual whom he believed to be named CLYDEE CATTLEY, a former maid in the HISS household at the 3415 Volta Place residence. It is noted that the backyard of the Volta Bureau adjoins the side of 3415 Volta and part of DIXON's duties at the Volta Bureau consisted in keeping the yard clean. DIXON stated that this CLYDEE CATTLEY resided in the 2700 block of P Street, N. W., in a "little house set back from the road." In a discussion with Special Agent DONALD WALTER, it has been ascertained that this CLYDEE CATTLEY is actually CLAUDIE CATLETT, who resides at 2728 P Street, N. W., and who is now in Winchester, Virginia. It will be recalled that Miss ADA HILL, another employee of the Volta Bureau, has stated it is within her recollection that she has observed a negro maid at the HISS household at 3415 Volta Place, N. W., going through the contents of the desk and in particular looking at the stubbs of check books in the desk.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM H. ATKINSON and THEODORE S. KRAMER:

Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT C. HEYSER, 2311 Banning Place, Lewis Dale, Maryland, advised that they resided at 1248 30th Street, N. W., from 1927 until May 22, 1937. They did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and could not recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS that were displayed to them.

Mrs. ELLA SERKEL KEYES, Bellevue Hotel, 15 E Street, N. W., advised that her husband, CHARLES W. KEYES, deceased, served as caretaker around 1937 and 1938 for the property located at 1248 30th Street, N. W. Her husband resided above the garage and she lived in Congress Heights. She only visited her husband on the weekends. She reported that she did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and she could not identify or recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mr. and Mrs. RALPH F. ROSE, 1902 Lincoln Road, N. E., advised that they lived at 1245 30th Street, N. W., for a period of about two weeks in 1938. They did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and did not recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The 1937 City Directory reflected that ROSS P. TRAMMELL resided at 1231 30th Street, N. W. There was no record pertaining to ROSS P. TRAMMELL in any subsequent city directories and he was not listed in the current telephone book. There was no record pertaining to TRAMMELL in the files of Stone's Mercantile Agency or the Credit Bureau. Inquiries were made at the Georgetown Branch of the Post Office and at TRAMMELL's former residences and no one could advise of his present whereabouts.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents EDWARD M. MULLIN and PAUL H. HOGE:

Attempts to locate persons by means of city and telephone directories who might have known EDWARD A. SULLIVAN at the time of his residence at 1231 30th Street or at 2820 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., where he was the proprietor of a locksmith's shop, met with negative results.

City directories listed no EDWARD A. SULLIVAN subsequent to 1938.

Personnel records of the Navy Gun Factory and the Navy Department failed to reflect the name of EDWARD A. SULLIVAN, Jr., who was supposed to have been employed as a Navy Yard helper or any EDWARD SULLIVAN identifiable with a former neighbor of ALGER HISS.

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Upon interview, Mrs. MARY HESTOR SHINN, who presently resides in the Old Ladies Home, 2929 N Street, N. W., advised that she had formerly resided at the above address for approximately twenty years and two years ago she entered this home. Mrs. SHINN also formerly resided at 1227 30th Street, N. W.

Mrs. SHINN could not associate the name ALGER HISS as being a neighbor of hers during the 1930's and in like manner she could not identify the picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or associate the name GEORGE CROSLEY.

It should be noted that Mrs. SHINN is a lady of approximately eighty-four years of age and in ill health.

Upon interview, NORMAN L. MEYERS who is presently engaged as an attorney in the Shoreham Building advised that he resided at the above address for approximately six months after the time that ALGER HISS moved into this area. Previous to this residence Mr. MEYERS had met HISS at various cocktail parties throughout the city when he (MEYERS) was employed by the Department of Interior.

Mr. MEYERS further pointed out that at no time did he ever actively associate with Mr. HISS, and his acquaintanceship was somewhat of an indirect nature. During MEYERS residence on 30th Street, he recalled that on several occasions he had attended cocktail parties in the HISS home. However, he was just one of many invited guests and consequently did not consider himself a personal friend of Mr. HISS. Further both he, MYERS, and Mrs. MEYERS had met PRISCILLA HISS at these parties, but again this association was of an indirect social nature. Mr. MEYERS formerly resided at 1239 30th Street, N. W.

Mr. MEYERS was able to identify the photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as presented, but pointed out that this recognition was brought about through seeing CHAMBERS' pictures in the local newspapers, and he had never heard HISS mention the name or did he ever see CHAMBERS in attendance at any of these parties. Further he could not identify the name GEORGE CROSLEY or furnish any information relative to the possible ownership of an automobile by HISS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CARL N. DE TEMPLE:

Mrs. ELIZABETH MAY, Consultant, Committee for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, with offices in the Stoneleigh Court Apartments, 1025 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., wife of GEOFFREY MAY, advised that she and her husband formerly resided at 1243 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She explained that she and her husband first came to that neighborhood in approximately July, 1936; that ALGER HISS and his family preceded them by about two weeks at 1245 30th Street, N. W. Mrs. MAY stated that to the best of her recollection HISS and his family remained at that address for approximately eighteen months.

Mrs. MAY said that she and her husband had many opportunities to visit the HISS household since their first meeting in July, 1936. The nature of these visits being dinners, cocktail parties and other social functions. However, she could not recall having ever noticed a typewriter being a part of the HISS household furniture. Mrs. MAY stated that she could not definitely say that there was not a typewriter in the HISS home inasmuch as a typewriter is so much a part of her home that she could have observed one at the HISS residence and not given it enough importance to call it to mind. However, she definitely stated that she has never received any typed correspondence of any description originating from the HISS household.

Two photographs of J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken 1931 and 1936, respectively, were exhibited to Mrs. MAY. She declared that, to the best of her recollection, she has never seen the individual represented in the above-mentioned photographs. Also, that prior to the recent House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, she had never heard the name, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, or any of the other names associated with that individual.

Mrs. MAY explained that her residence, 1243 30th Street, N. W., and that of the HISSES, 1245 30th Street, N. W., were attached, that there was a thin common wall separating them, that the HISS's backyard was in full view from their, MAY's, rear dining room window, that the steps leading from their front doors faced each other and entered directly on the sidewalk. Also, that it was not uncommon for the HISS family and their friends to occupy the backyard during the same period that she and her husband would be in theirs. Because of the above situation, coupled with impromptu visits in the HISS home, Mrs. MAY felt that she would have had ample opportunity to meet or observe the individual in the afore-mentioned photographs, if he were a frequent visitor to the HISS residence.

In connection with the typewriter and in view of the thin wall separating the two residences, Mrs. MAY was asked if she ever heard a typewriter being used in the HISS home. Mrs. MAY said that sounds originating in one of the adjoining apartments was clearly audible in the other apartment. However, she cannot recall hearing a typewriter being used in the HISS home.

Mrs. MAY recalled that HISS did own an automobile, however, the make, model or year of such automobile was unknown to her. She did say that it seemed to her that the HISS car was one that had had considerable use as was the case with their car. Mr. MAY could not elaborate further concerning the HISS automobile. She also explained that their association with the HISS family was not an intimate one. A conversation between them was more or less on a professional level and there were discussed objectively world affairs and affairs of state. She could not recall the names of any of the associates of Alger Hiss.

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Mrs. MAY advised that she did not know the names or identity of any of the servants in the HISS household. She stated, however, that her maids always seemed very friendly with the HISS servants. She furnished the following names of maids employed by her during the period of residence of the HISS family at 1245 30th Street, N. W.

IRIS HILL, colored, married to Clifford HILL, who was formerly employed at the Raleigh Hotel, present address unknown.
MABEL LAMBERT, last known employment at the Phillips Gallery, 1600 21st Street, N. W., phone DUPont 2435.

Mrs. MAY stated that approximately two months prior to the time HISS moved from that neighborhood, TIMOTHY was involved in an accident that resulted in a broken leg. It was her impression that TIMOTHY had received a new bicycle from his parents and was riding it in the neighborhood when he was struck by a truck. She said that TIMOTHY was committed to a hospital for a short period, the identity of which hospital was unknown to her, that HISS moved before TIMOTHY had fully convalesced. Mrs. MAY could not recall the name of the attending physician nor any further details concerning this accident.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HERBERT S. HAWKINS:

Mr. FRANK LYON, Wardman Park Hotel, stated that he had lived at 1304 30th Street, N. W., on 28th Street, on O Street, and other residences in

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Georgetown, but has never met ALGER HISS or any member of his family, and was not able to identify the 1931 and 1936 photographs of CHAMBERS. He purchased a home for his daughter at 3409 O Street in 1935. His daughter is Mrs. CHARLES W. SMITH, 2133 R Street, N. W., and she was very friendly with PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS, who lived next door to her at 3411 O Street, N. W. Mr. LYON had no information concerning a Woodstock typewriter or HISS typewritten material.

Mr. CALVIN H. WOLFE, Clerk, Safeway Stores, residing at 2010 4th Street, N. E., advised that he had formerly lived at 1231 30th Street, N. W., in 1936. He stated that he knew ALGER HISS, but not well enough to speak to, was never in the HISS home, and was unable to recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He had never had correspondence from any member of the HISS family and advised that his wife would have even less information than he had.

Mr. and Mrs. CONRAD L. STAACK, 4532 43rd Place, N. W., stated that they had lived at 1229 30th Street, N. W., for nine years, moving away in 1939. They had never heard of the HISS family, were not able to identify pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and had no information whatsoever concerning a Woodstock typewriter or typewritten material from the HISS family.

Mrs. ALINE GODFREY WILLIAMS, 2614 39th Street, N. W., stated that she is a teacher at the Stoddert School, and attends Christ Episcopal Church in Georgetown, but does not know any member of the HISS family and has never been in possession of material or documents, typewritten or otherwise, from any member of the HISS family.

Mr. RICHARD T. BELL, room 706, General Accounting Office, Old Post Office Building, stated that he is organist and choir director of the Christ Episcopal Church, 31st and O Streets, N. W., and had received a letter from the former rector of this church, Dr. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG, of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, saying that he had been contacted by ALGER HISS, who wanted some information concerning his son's attendance in this church, and information concerning the son's activities in the church choir. Mr. BELL stated he has not answered the letter as he is not able to recall ANTHONY HISS. However, he stated that he does recall a TIMMY HOBSON, who sang in the choir off and on for about four months in about 1935 or 1936. Mr. BELL was able to recall nothing else concerning the HOBSON boy, and stated that he did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS. He was not able to identify photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, and stated that he had never received any correspondence, typewritten or otherwise, from TIMMY HOBSON or any member of the HISS family. Mr. BELL stated that he believed that HISS contacted Dr. ARMSTRONG because he wanted a character recommendation for his son and to prove that his son was a churchgoer. Mr. BELL advised that he would contact this office if he received any information relevant to the HISS question.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON:

Mrs. ETHEL M. POOLE, c/o Ryan's Log Cabin, Route Two, Herndon, Virginia, advised Special Agent ATKINSON on February 1, 1939, that she formerly operated a rooming house at 1231 30th Street, N. W., during 1938. During the middle 1930's she also operated a rooming house in the 1200 block of 30th Street in the even numbered side of the street. At this time she cannot recall the address of her second rooming house. She advised that she did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, TIMOTHY HOBSON, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or GEORGE CROSLEY. She examined the photographs of ALGER HISS and Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She advised she can never recall having seen any of these individuals at any time. She advised that during the period she operated rooming houses in Washington, D. C., she made it a point not to mingle with her neighbors.

The city directories, Washington, D. C., show that JOHN O'BRIEN resided at 1247 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., from 1938-39.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER:

Mr. COHN F. STAM, Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, advised that JOHN O'BRIEN is presently employed in the law firm of DUNNINGTON and BARTHOLOW, #1 Wall Street, New York City. A teletype was sent to New York City on January 26, 1949, requesting that office to interview JOHN O'BRIEN who was a former neighbor of ALGER HISS.

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2905 P Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM H. ATKINSON and THEODORE S. KRAMER:

Miss CECIL L. JONES, 2906 P Street, N. W., advised that she has resided at this address since 1926. She advised that she did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS during 1935 and 1936 when the HISSES are alleged to have resided at 2905 P Street and was not aware of the fact that they had ever resided at 2905 P Street.

Miss JONES advised that she met DONALD and KATHERINE HISS around 1939 through their mutual interest in an ice skating club. She only knew them socially and considered them to be a nice couple. She stated that she is not a friend of ALGER HISS but that she had attended several meetings during the middle 1940's at which HISS spoke or introduced speakers. She could not identify the pictures of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS displayed.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT O. CHICHESTER and DONALD WALTER:

Miss VIRGINIA BROWN, 2903 P Street, N. W., stated that she has resided at this residence for approximately fifty years. Miss BROWN advised that she is unacquainted with ALGER HISS or any members of his family. Miss BROWN stated that she was unaware that the HISS family had ever resided at 2905 P Street, N. W., until just recently when she read it in the newspapers.

Mr. WILLIAM M. HOFFMAN, 2902 P Street, N. W., advised that he has resided at the above address for approximately thirty-eight years. Mr. HOFFMAN said that he is unacquainted with ALGER HISS or any member of his family and that he was unaware that ALGER HISS was a neighbor of his until just recently when he learned of it from the newspapers.

Mrs. ANNE J. BRADY, 2900 P Street, N. W., advised that she has been an occupant of the above residence for approximately thirty years. Mrs. BRADY stated that she is unacquainted with any of the people that live in the immediate neighborhood of her home except for the persons that have been there for the approximate length of time she has lived on the 2900 block of P Street. She stated that she is unacquainted with ALGER HISS or any member of his family.

Miss EMILY C. MATTHEWS, 2926 P Street, N. W., advised that she has resided at the above address approximately thirty years. Miss MATTHEWS said she is unacquainted with ALGER HISS or any member of his family and that

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she would be unable to identify any associates or visitors of the HISS family.

Mr. S. JONES HILL, 2939 Northampton Street, N. W., advised that he formerly lived at 2904 P Street, N. W. He stated that his parents had maintained a home there for a number of years but that in the period of 1936 when ALGER HISS was reported to reside at 2905 P Street, he, S. JONES HILL, was employed in Detroit, Michigan. S. JONES HILL said that he is unacquainted with ALGER HISS or any member of his family. He said that his parents were residing at 2904 P Street, N. W., during the year 1936 and that his mother is deceased. His father, THOMAS TEMPLE HILL, is now living at 302 East Spencer, Culpeper, Virginia.

By teletype dated January 27, 1949, the Richmond Office was requested to interview THOMAS TEMPLE HILL.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON:

Mr. JOHN R. GOLLAN, 4622 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland, was contacted on January 24, 1949 and advised that he had resided with his sister Miss ADA GOLLAN and Mrs. MARY COULEHAN at 2911 P Street, N. W., during 1936; however, he was not acquainted with Mr. ALGER HISS or Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, nor could he identify a photograph of Mr. CHAMBERS taken in 1936. He stated he is unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning this investigation.

Miss ADA GOLLAN, Suite 104, Farragut Building, was also contacted and advised that she was unaware of the fact that Mr. ALGER HISS was a neighbor at the time she resided in the 2900 block of P Street, N. W. Miss GOLLAN stated that she is unable to identify a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and that she has no information concerning this matter.

Mrs. MARY COULEHAN, 3209 Cleveland Avenue, N. W., stated that although she formerly resided at 2911 P Street, N. W., she did not know Mr. ALGER HISS at the time he resided there. She stated she is unable to recognize a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which was taken in 1936.

Mr. ARMIN STERNER, civilian employee, Building T-3, Navy Department and resident at 1711 35th Street, N. W., was contacted on January 19, 1949, however, he had not known Mr. ALGER HISS at the time he, STERNER, resided at 2928 P Street, N. W., during 1936, and he did not recognize a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken at that time.

Mrs. ARMIN STERNER was contacted at 1711 35th Street, N. W., and furnished substantially the same statements as made by her husband. Neither individual could furnish any information relating to this investigation.

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Miss LUCY C. BENTLEY, 2918 P Street, N. W., was interviewed on January 19, 1949 at which time Miss BENTLEY advised she has resided at that address for thirty years; however, she was not aware of the fact that Mr. ALGER HISS had been her neighbor in 1936. She also stated that she was unable to identify a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken at the time, nor has she any knowledge of Mr. HISS' or Mr. CHAMBERS' activities.

Special Agents WILSON and ROBERT SAVAGE interviewed Dr. and Mrs. EARLE G. BREEDIN, 16 Albermarle Street, West Moreland Hills, Maryland, on January 26, 1949. The BREEDINS resided at 2907 P Street, N. W., during 1935 up until April, 1936. Mrs. BREEDIN recalled seeing Mrs. HISS but was not acquainted socially with her or Mr. HISS. She also had some conversation with TIMOTHY HOBSON but could recall nothing concerning him except that he was a boy about eleven years old. Mrs. BREEDIN recalled that at one time there were apparently two men residing at the address at 2905 P Street, that one of these men drank excessively and that the two men were often in loud arguments over a woman. She could not recall whether this occurred during the time HISS resided at the address or at some other period. She was shown the photographs of WHITTAKER and Mrs. CHAMBERS and could not associate them in any way with the HISS family.

She further advised that Commander BAXTER BRUCE, United States Navy, had been a frequent visitor in the HISS home and was reported to be a good friend of the family.

Records of the Credit Bureau and Stone's Mercantile Agency reflect that Commander BAXTER H. BRUCE was a defendant in Civil Suit No. 366264 in 1935. VICTOR H. SUTRO was plaintiff suing for rent due of \$160.00 on 3017 P Street, N. W. Stone's reports also showed that Commander BRUCE was divorced and that his wife had been residing in Liberty, Texas, for twenty years. It was noted, however, that the 1935 City Directory listed BRUCE and wife, ELIZABETH D., at 2905 P Street, N. W.

The Officer Personnel file of BAXTER HUNTER BRUCE, serial number 6037 showed that he was born June 1, 1887 in Stanton, Michigan; he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy February 11, 1907; that he was placed on the retired list June 1, 1944, as a Captain and his address as of May 18, 1948 was 875 Seward, Akron, Ohio. The files also show that BRUCE was in difficulties because of debts during 1935 and that he was indebted to Commander ROBERT K. AWTREY for rent at 2905 P Street. The file further reflects that BRUCE was relieved of his tour of duty in Washington, D. C., in February, 1935; that he left the early part of March, 1935, by ship from Norfolk, Virginia, en route to Cavite, Philippine Islands, where he arrived in April. He was Court Martialed twice for debts in 1938 and 1939.

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Leads were set out by the Washington Field Office by teletype to contact ROBERT K. AWTRY owner of the premises at 2905 P Street relative to his knowledge of an acquaintance between Commander BRUCE and ALGER HISS and to interview BRUCE concerning his knowledge of ALGER HISS.

Information was received by the Washington Field Office that Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Jr., 1339 29th Street, N. W., who was formerly Mrs. JOSEPH COTTON, Jr., had visited at the home of PRISCILLA HISS, 2905 P Street, in 1935 and had there been introduced to Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as Mrs. GEORGE CROSLEY. Mrs. BURLING was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES W. PEASINGER and J. J. WALSH on January 26, 1949, and the following signed statement was obtained.

"January 26, 1949
Washington, D. C.

"I, Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Jr., 1339 29th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., make the following statement to JOHN J. WALSH and CHARLES W. PEASINGER, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is voluntary and I realize it may be used in a court of law.

"I recall that I met Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS about 1934 or 1935 through my first husband, Mr. JOSEPH COTTON, Jr., who was a friend of DONALD HISS, the brother of ALGER HISS, at law school. I have met Mr. ALGER HISS only a total of 4 or 5 times. I have met PRISCILLA HISS more times because we lived near each other, had children and both occasionally attended meetings of the Bryn Mawr Club here.

"I recall that at the time I knew them Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS lived on P Street between 29th and 30th. I recall that in the spring of 1936 I visited PRISCILLA HISS at this address in company with Mrs. THOMAS GAMMACK, now Mrs. DOUGLAS BURDEN. I recall Mrs. GAMMACK was expecting a child at that time. I recall that there were several people, women, I believe, in the HISS home at that time and I do not recall if they were visiting there or living there. I do not recall the names of these persons nor do I believe I could recognize them if I saw them again.

"I have seen the pictures of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS which have appeared in the newspapers and also pictures of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS exhibited to me by Mr. WALSH and Mr. PEASINGER and I do not recall ever having seen Mr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS. The name of GEORGE CROSLEY is unfamiliar to me and I am not acquainted with anyone by that name.

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"I have read the above and to the best of my knowledge it is true.

/s/ ELLA POE BURLING

"CHARLES W. PEASINGER
Special Agent, FBI
Wash., D. C. 1-26-49

JOHN J. WALSH
Special Agent, FBI
Washington, D. C. 1-26-49"

On February 2, 1949, while WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was being driven through the Georgetown area of Washington, D. C., accompanied by agents of the Washington Field Office as set forth above, Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Jr., was observed walking down the street near her home. CHAMBERS was afforded an opportunity to observe her at close range and he stated that he had never seen her before.

Mr. NORMAN W. BAXTER, 1314 29th Street, N. W., was interviewed February 2, 1949, by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON, at his office, 1253 National Press Building, at which time Mr. BAXTER advised that although he had resided at 2914 P Street, N. W., in 1936, he had not known Mr. ALGER HISS was his neighbor. After examining photographs taken in the 1930's of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Mr. BAXTER reported he does not know the individual pictured therein. He also stated that the name GEORGE CROSLEY or CARL CARLSON bears no significance.

Mrs. BAXTER was interviewed on February 3, 1949, by Agent WILSON, at 1314 29th Street, N. W., at which time she made substantially the same comments as those previously given by Mr. BAXTER.

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2831 28th Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents WILLIAM H. ATKINSON and THEODORE S. KRAMER:

Miss EDITH C. NORTHUP, Room 2748, Department of Justice, advised that she and her mother, Mrs. PRESTON NORTHUP, lived in an apartment at 2831 28th Street, N. W., from about 1920 through 1940. Miss NORTHUP advised that she did not know ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and cannot recall their living at 2831 28th Street. She was unable to recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mrs. PRESTON NORTHUP, 3945 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., is an invalid and did not desire to be interviewed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. KENNETH ROUSE, 1445 Otis Place, N. W., Apartment 301, advised that from 1927 through 1938 they resided at 2831 28th Street, N. W., during which period they were both employed. They advised that they do not recall that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS ever resided at 2831 28th Street, N. W. They both were unable to recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL P. RALPH, 6805 Denton Road, Bethesda, Maryland, advised that they resided at 2831 38th Street, N. W., from 1930 until the summer of 1936. Both advised that they do not remember ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS and they did not recognize the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mr. and Mrs. ELDRED G. DICKINSON, advised that they formerly resided at 2831 28th Street for a period of about one year between 1933 and 1935. They were unable to give more explicit dates as to that period. They both advised that they had no recollection of ever having heard of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS during that period and did not know that they resided at 2831 28th Street. They were unable to identify the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

They advised that they were contacted by FONTAINE C. BRADLEY, an attorney in the Union Trust Building, in the summer of 1948. They had the impression that he was making inquiries on behalf of DONALD HISS. He was interested in determining the whereabouts of Mrs. WILBUR JEFFREYS, former resident manager at 2831 28th Street. He questioned them regarding their knowledge of HISS. Mr. BRADLEY is a close social acquaintance of the DICKINSONS and subsequently he advised that he had contacted all or almost all of the former residents at 2831 28th Street, N. W.

Mr. DICKINSON advised that he believed FONTAINE C. BRADLEY is a member of the same law firm as DONALD HISS.

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Mrs. ELEANOR VIVIAN PLUGGE, 35 Oxford Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, furnished the following signed statement:

"35 Oxford Street
Chevy Chase 15, Md.
19 January, 1949

"I, ELEANOR VIVIAN PLUGGE, voluntarily furnish this statement to Special Agents THEODORE S. KRAMER and WILLIAM H. ATKINSON, known to me as agents of the FBI. This is voluntarily given and no promises, gifts, threats, or the use of duress was used. I realize that this statement may be used in court of law. I give this of my own free will.

"I was born ~~ELEANOR~~ VIVIAN on December 13, 1908 in Duluth, Minnesota. My husband, JOHN ADE PLUGGE, and I were married in January, 1932, and came to live in apartment eleven (first floor) of 2831 28th Street, N. W. in January of that year. We subsequently moved to a second floor apartment in 2829 28th Street in June of 1935 and lived there until August of 1936 when we bought this house in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

"While in apartment eleven at 2831 28th Street, I recollect seeing ALGER HISS and his wife coming and going from their apartment on the fourth floor of this building. He was pointed out as a very bright young man who has an excellent government job at a time when jobs were hard to find. The HISS child (a boy) was away at boarding school according to the resident manager who pointed the HISS couple out to me.

"I recollect Mrs. JEFFREYS (the resident manager) introducing me to a woman who had a baby daughter in a carriage. I do not recall the name of this woman as given by Mrs. JEFFREYS at this time. Mrs. JEFFREYS always tried to introduce newcomers and especially the mothers who would be sitting on the bench outside the apartment with their children. I had a small boy at this time (born in 1934). On one occasion, I recollect that a man came home early in the afternoon to go out for a walk with this woman and their baby girl who was then in a carriage for walks. From the newspaper pictures, I now connect this man with the present Mr. CHAMBERS. I remember that the woman and I compared the relative positions of our apartments (mine on the first and hers on an upper floor) as to the convenience in a building with no elevator for getting children and carriages up and down to and from apartments.

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"I have never had any subsequent contact with Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS nor with the now called Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS. However, I do remember that Mrs. HISS drove a car while they lived in their apartment at 2831 28th Street. This car as I recall it was an old car, top which could be either up or down, and was a one seated car.

"I have read the above statement and to the best of my knowledge, it is the truth.

"I have initialed all strike overs and signed each page of this two page statement. An 'f' and an 's' were made in my own handwriting and initialed.

/s/ ELEANOR VIVIAN PLUGGE

Mrs. John Ade ~~Plugge~~

Witnessed by

THEODORE S. KRAMER
WILLIAM H. ATKINSON"

Mrs. PLUGGE will be recontacted when the photographs of Mrs. CHAMBERS become available. In addition to the information furnished in the signed statement, Mrs. PLUGGE advised that she never recalls having seen the HISSES and either Mr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS together. Mrs. PLUGGE also stated that she was contacted approximately six months ago by a lawyer here in Washington in regard to this instant investigation.

Mrs. PLUGGE identified WHITTAKER CHAMBERS from a photograph displayed to her by Agents KRAMER and ATKINSON. This photograph was a snapshot of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS holding a child that was taken in 1936.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON and Special Agent JOHN H. KENOYER:

WILBUR MCGREW JEFFERYS, Statistician, Office of Chief of Ordnance, Room 3D423, Pentagon Building, Arlington, Virginia, advised that his wife was formerly resident manager and that he and his wife and their son resided in Apartment 12 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., for a period of about eight or nine years. He recalled that he resided at that address during 1934 and 1935. He advised that he does not recognize the names of ALGER HISS, PRISCILLA HISS, GEORGE CROSLEY or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as being tenants at 2831 28th Street. Mr. JEFFERYS could not identify the pictures of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS. He did identify the photograph of Mr. ALGER HISS as being a former tenant at 2831 28th Street.

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WILBUR THOMPSON JEFFERYS, Apartment 21, 1630 Irving Street, N. W., advised that he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. WILBUR MCGREW JEFFERYS. His mother was formerly resident manager at 2831 28th Street, N. W., and they had resided in Apartment 12. He advised that he was unable to recall that any of the following individuals resided at this address at any time: - ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and TIMOTHY HOBSON. JEFFERYS examined the photographs of ALGER HISS and Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but was unable to identify any of these individuals as ever having been a resident or visitor at 2831 28th Street, N. W. He advised that about 1935 he would have been about fourteen years of age. After ALGER HISS contacted his mother in the spring of 1948 she contacted her son to determine if he could remember the HISS family and other questions asked by Mr. HISS. One of two questions that Mr. HISS asked his mother was if Mrs. JEFFERYS could recall when TIMOTHY HOBSON's bicycle was stolen. His mother desired to know if he could shed any light on this subject. He advised his mother and interviewing agents that he does not recall this incident.

Mr. and Mrs. PETER J. NEE, 6120 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised that they have lived on two different occasions at 2831 28th Street, N. W. After publicity in regard to this case and reading in the newspapers that ALGER HISS formerly resided at 2831 28th Street they had tried to determine in their minds if they had been in that apartment house at the same time. They have never determined conclusively whether they resided at 2831 28th Street during the time that ALGER HISS resided there or not. They do not recall the names of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, TIMOTHY HOBSON or Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or GEORGE CROSLEY as ever having been tenants at this address. They failed to identify the photographs of ALGER HISS or Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

W. W. MILLIAN, Head Paymaster of the Evening Star, 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., advised that WILLIAM E. ISEMANNS was formerly an Agent of the Evening Star and that he died about May 20, 1937. He remembers that ISEMANNS wife MARGARET E. ISEMANNS left Washington after her husband's death and returned to her home in Virginia. He could furnish no specific information as to her whereabouts.

WILBUR THOMPSON JEFFERYS, Apartment 21, 1630 Irving Street, N. W., advised that as a boy he was employed by BILL ISEMANNS who was in charge of a newspaper route for the Evening Star. When he was first employed by Mr. ISEMANNS, he, Mr. ISEMANNS, resided at Overlee Knolls, Virginia, however, he sold his home because of financial difficulties and desired to move to Washington. JEFFERYS said that Apartment 42 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., had been vacated for several weeks and he suggested to ISEMANNS that he may desire to live at this address. Subsequently ISEMANNS did move into this apartment.

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HENRY I. TAYLOR, Salesman, RUFUS H. DARBY Printing Company, Inc., 2414 Douglas Street, N. E., advised that he formerly leased Apartment 41 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., with two other bachelors GEORGE KENNEDY and JOHN FLOYD. He recalls that during 1934 and 1935 he and the other bachelors mentioned did share this apartment. Since they ran their apartment as a bachelor apartment they had little contact with other persons residing in this apartment house. TAYLOR advised that he cannot recall ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, GEORGE CROSLEY, Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and TIMOTHY HOBSON as ever having been tenants at this address. He could not identify the photographs of ALGER HISS or Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as having been visitors or tenants at 2831 28th Street, N. W.

Mr. GEORGE KENNEDY, R. P. ANDREWS Paper Company, First and H. Streets, S. E., advised that he formerly shared an apartment with HENRY TAYLOR and JOHN FLOYD at 2831 28th Street, N. W. He recalls that this apartment was on the 4th floor and that it was just at the head of the steps. He advised that he was not personally acquainted with any other persons residing in this apartment house other than his roommates. He cannot recall if ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, TIMOTHY HOBSON, GEORGE CROSLEY or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were ever tenants in this apartment house. He was unable to identify the photograph of ALGER HISS or the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

JOHN FLOYD; Salesman, FRANK PARSONS Paper Company, Inc., 1320 14th Street, N. W., advised that he formerly resided in Apartment 41 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., with HENRY TAYLOR and GEORGE KENNEDY. He advised that he did not recognize the names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, TIMOTHY HOBSON, GEORGE CROSLEY or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as ever having been tenants at this address. He advised that when CHAMBERS' photograph was displayed in the newspapers, after this case broke in the newspapers, he found something familiar about CHAMBERS, however, to date he has been unable to put his finger on what it is. After examining the photograph of ALGER HISS he advised that HISS formerly leased an apartment on the 4th floor at 2831 28th Street and that he believed it was the apartment that was diagonally across the hall from the apartment that was shared by FLOYD and his roommates. He was unable to furnish any other information regarding ALGER HISS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM J. STATEN and Agent ATKINSON.

Mrs. WILBUR MCGREW JEFFERYS, Rt. 1, McLean, Virginia, advised that she formerly resided in Apartment 12 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., and that for a period of about eight or nine years she served as resident manager of this apartment house and the adjacent apartments at 2827 and 2829 28th Street, N. W. She advised that she did not recall the name HISS as being a tenant at 2831; however, prior to the summer of 1948, she did recall that there had formerly been a family at 2831 28th Street by the name of HESS and in the

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summer of 1948 an attorney arranged for an interview with Mrs. JEFFERYS by ALGER HISS at her home. She stated that at that time she became aware of the fact that Mr. HISS was indeed the person who formerly resided at 2831 28th Street and whose name she had thought to be HESS. . . advised that ALGER HISS was interested in determining if Mrs. JEFFERYS could identify him as having been a former tenant at 2831 28th Street. He also had in his possession a photograph of an individual whom he identified as CROSLEY. He questioned Mrs. JEFFERYS to determine if she had ever seen this individual. She advised Mr. HISS that she could not recall ever seeing the individual whose picture he displayed to her. Mr. HISS then questioned her to determine if she could recall any events concerning HISS allegedly subleasing his apartment to another individual. She advised Mr. HISS that she did not recall that he ever subleased his apartment at any time. She also recalled that HISS questioned her . . . ting his step-son TIMOTHY HOBSON and he specifically asked if she could remember anything about TIMOTHY HOBSON's bicycle having been stolen. She advised Mr. HISS that she did not remember anything concerning the alleged theft of . . . HY HOBSON's bicycle.

Mrs. JEFFERYS advised that she cannot identify or recognize the names of GEORGE CROSLEY and WALTER CHAMBERS as ever having resided at 2831 28th Street, N. W. Mrs. JEFFERYS studied the photograph of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS and advised that she cannot ever recall having previously seen these individuals; however, she recognized the photograph of CROSLEY that was displayed to her by Mr. HISS.

Mrs. JEFFERYS advised that she was resident manager for the three adjacent apartment houses on 28th Street, N. W., that were previously set forth and that there . . . but fifty apartments that she had jurisdiction of for a period of about eight or nine years. She advised that subsequently she became resident manager at the Woodley Park Towers, 2757 Devonshire Place, N. W., and she believed there were about a hundred and fifty apartments in that apartment house. She stated that in all of these assignments as resident manager there was a great turnover in tenants. She stated that she probably may have displayed the vacant apartment at 2831 28th Street to Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS and that he may have applied for his lease for this apartment through her. She does not recall specifically that the HISSES did first contact her but she knows that in many instances leases were obtained in this manner. She recalls that the HISS family was rather quiet and that she had no complaints regarding them. She could furnish no information regarding any associates of ALGER HISS.

Mrs. JEFFERYS advised that in connection with Mr. HISS' claim . . . that his apartment was subleased that if in fact this apartment had been subleased the arrangements could have been made with the RANDALL H. HAGNER

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Real Estate Company, the agent for this building. Also it would be possible for Mr. HISS or any other tenant to have unofficially subleased his apartment to a third party without notifying the real estate company or the resident manager. She cannot recall ever discussing with Mr. HISS the subleasing of his apartment.

Mrs. JEFFERYS advised that the only janitors at 2831 28th Street whose names she could recall at this time were BEN BROWN and BANKS, however, both of these janitors are now deceased.

JOHN A. PIJGGE, 35 Oxford Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised that he and his wife resided at 2831 28th Street, N. W., in an apartment on the first floor around 1934-1935. He advised that at that time he left for his employment with the D. C. Highway Commissioners quite early in the morning and that at that time he was attending George Washington University Law School in the evening thus he indicated he was not acquainted with many tenants at this address. He cannot recognize the names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, GEORGE CROSLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as having been tenants at this address. He could not identify photographs of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or ALGER HISS as having been tenants or visitors at 2831 28th Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THEODORE S. KRAMER and Agent ATKINSON:

The Washington City Directory for 1935 reflects that JACKSON TAYLOR resided in Apartment 10 at 2831 28th Street, N. W., during 1935.

There was no record pertaining to JACKSON TAYLOR in the files of the Credit Bureau of Stone's Mercantile Agency.

WALTER L. CLARK, Postman, advised that he does not remember JACKSON TAYLOR as ever having been a tenant at 2831 28th Street.

Mr. L. F. HALL, Superintendent, Cleveland Park Branch Post Office, 3430 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., advised that he had no change of address records dating back to 1935.

WILBUR THOMPSON JEFFERYS, 1630 Irving Street, N. W., advised that he formerly resided at 2831 28th Street and that he remembers a man by the name of TAYLOR who was employed by the D. C. Fire Department.

DELMAR S. TAYLOR, 9219 Woodland Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, advised that he formerly resided at 2829 28th Street during 1935. He advised he was not acquainted with any person who was called JACKSON TAYLOR. He has

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never been known by the name of JACKSON TAYLOR. TAYLOR could not identify the photographs of ALGER HISS or Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The Washington City Directory for 1935 reflected that Mrs. GEORGE STRANAHAN resided in Apartment 23 at 2831 28th Street, N. W. There was no record pertaining to Mrs. STRANAHAN in the files of the Credit Bureau and Stone's Mercantile Agency.

The Postman covering that address at that time advised that STRANAHAN only resided at this address for a very short time. There was no change of address pertaining to Mrs. STRANAHAN in the files of the Post Office Department as those records were not maintained for years prior to 1938. All persons residing in Washington or the immediate vicinity with the last name of STRANAHAN were contacted and they all advised that they had no information regarding Mrs. GEORGE STRANAHAN. Other neighbors who were interviewed in connection with this investigation advised that they could not recall of a Mrs. STRANAHAN as being a tenant. Mrs. JEFFERYS, resident manager, could not recall Mrs. STRANAHAN.

Mrs. WILLIAM AINSWORTH PARKER, 1636 32nd Street, N. W., was previously interviewed in regard to this investigation. At that time she advised that her mother ELIZABETH W. REYNOLDS was visiting in England. She indicated that she would write her mother and inquire regarding the HISSES and determine if her mother had ever corresponded with either of the HISSES. Mrs. PARKER received the following reply from her mother:

"January 14, 1949

"To Whom It May Concern

"I Understand you are looking for letters written by PRISCILLA HISS on a typewriter. I would give a great deal to be able to give any aid to clear her and ALGER HISS of the ridiculous charges of un-Americanism. I would stake my life on their integrity but I am quite sure I have never had a typed letter or even any other letter from PRISCILLA HISS. While we both lived in Washington there was no occasion for writing. I met the HISSES through Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT FEIS in February, 1939 and knew them very well all during their years in Washington and feel they are both exceptionally fine people with the highest sense of loyalty to their country and integrity of the highest order, in all their dealings.

"ELIZABETH WALLRIDGE REYNOLDS
30 London Road
King's Lynn Norfolk, England"

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WALTER L. CLARK, Apartment No. 4, 776 Kenilworth Terrace, N. E., advised the writer that he had served as a Postman in the 2800 block of 28th Street, N. W., for a period of about thirty years. He cannot recall that there was any individual who received mail by the name of GEORGE CROSLEY or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He cannot recall the name HISS but advised that there was a HESS who received mail at 2831 28th Street. He could not identify the photographs of ALGER HISS or Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He could furnish no other information regarding ALGER HISS.

Mr. L. F. HALL, Superintendent, Cleveland Park Branch Post Office, 3430 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., advised that the Cleveland Park Branch of the Post Office was first opened in 1938 and 1939. Change of address books since that time are available; however, he has no records pertaining to change of address records prior to that time.

ROBERT E. MADER, Room 3088, Main Post Office, Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, advised that he handles the change of address records that are forwarded to the Main Post Office by the branches in Washington, D. C. He advised that these change of address records are supposed to be kept for a period of about two years; however, in some instances records are retained for a longer period. Mr. MADER advised that he searched through these records and there are no records going back to changes of addresses in 1935.

The 1935 City Directory for Washington, D. C., reflects that Mrs. IDA V. ROBBINS, widow of GEORGE B. ROBBINS, resided in Apartment 14 at 2831 28th Street, N. W. In this connection it is noted that ALGER HISS resided in Apartment 42 at the same address from July 1, 1934, to about May 1, 1935.

There was no record pertaining to IDA V. or GEORGE B. ROBBINS in the files of Stone's Mercantile Agency. A report dated December 2, 1937, in the files of the Credit Bureau indicated that IDA V. ROBBINS was fifty-three years of age and that she had been employed as a children's nurse in Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D. C. This report indicated that she was separated from her husband, GEORGE, and that her husband was from Cambridge, Maryland. At the time of this report Mrs. ROBBINS was employed as a children's nurse in the home of Mrs. LESLIE WRIGHT, 608 Rittenhouse Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Their files also included a report from the Credit Bureau in Baltimore, Maryland, which indicated that during 1937 Mrs. ROBBINS lived with Mrs. HAYNIE at 2518 East Chase Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

WALTER L. CLARK, Cleveland Park Branch, Post Office, 3430 Connecticut Avenue, advised that he has served as a postman on the 2800 block of 28th Street for over thirty years. He stated that Mrs. ROBBINS resided at 2831 for only a short time and that he just barely remembers the name.

Mrs. L. F. HALL, Superintendent, Cleveland Park Branch, Post Office, 3430 Connecticut Avenue, advised that there were no change of address records dating back to 1939.

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Mrs. WILBUR MCGREW JEFFERYS, McLean, Virginia, advised that she was resident manager at 2831 28th Street, N. W., during 1935. She cannot recall Mrs. IDA V. ROBBINS as a tenant.

Other neighbors who were contacted in regard to this investigation advised that they cannot furnish the present whereabouts of Mrs. ROBBINS, and those who remembered Mrs. ROBBINS stated that they only could remember the name.

GEORGE B. ROBBINS, 221 Channing Street, N. E., advised he does not know IDA V. ROBBINS. He stated that at one time there was another GEORGE B. ROBBINS who lived in Washington, D. C. He believed that this GEORGE B. ROBBINS was a Naval Officer.

Mrs. LESLIE S. WRIGHT, 3632 Greenway Drive, Fairfield, Maryland, advised that she formerly employed Mrs. IDA ROBBINS as a nurse for her child; however, she has had no contact with Mrs. ROBBINS for a period of about ten years. She advised that she had heard that Mrs. ROBBINS had remarried and she believed that her last name was JOHNSON. She has the impression that this woman is now living in Florida. She could furnish no information as to relatives or friends who could furnish the present whereabouts of Mrs. ROBBINS.

Mrs. PRESTON C. BEAN, 608 Rittenhouse Street, N. W., advised that she has resided at this address for about eleven years and that she had the impression that a nurse resided at this address immediately prior to their moving in. She could furnish no information regarding the name or location of this individual.

Mrs. M. H. LAMANAN, 610 Rittenhouse Street, N. W., advised that she has resided at this address for a period of about fifteen years. She cannot recall Mrs. IDA V. ROBBINS as ever having resided at 608 Rittenhouse Street, N. W.

On January 28, 1949, a teletype sent to Baltimore requested that they attempt to contact GEORGE B. ROBBINS or relatives at Cambridge, Maryland, review credit records at Baltimore, Maryland, and interview Mrs. HAYNIE at 2518 East Chase Street, Baltimore, Maryland, in an attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mrs. IDA V. ROBBINS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON:

JOSEPH CONRAD FEHR, principal attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Room 310, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., advised that his family resided at 2831 28th Street, prior to June, 1931. At this time Mrs. FEHR and her two children proceeded to the west coast and lived there for one year. At this

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time Mr. FEHR gave up his apartment at 2831 28th Street and moved to an apartment at 2827 28th Street. His wife and children returned to Washington during the summer of 1932 or 1933. They continued living at 2827 28th Street until the winter of 1934. At this time they moved into Apartment #20 at 2831 28th Street, N. W. He examined the photographs of ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and Mrs. CHAMBERS but was unable to identify any of these individuals as having been previous tenants at 2831 28th Street, N. W. Likewise he was unable to associate the names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, GEORGE CROSLEY, CARL or CARL CARLSON as having been former tenants or visitors at 2831 28th Street, N. W. He advised that after publicity arose in connection with this case, that he took annual leave and attended various hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He had the opportunity to observe both ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS testify and was present at the public hearing where HISS and CHAMBERS were brought together. He advised that his purpose in visiting these hearings was to determine if he could associate any of these individuals with 2831 28th Street and that he was unable to do so.

Mrs. JOSEPH CONRAD FEHR, Apartment #20, 2831 28th Street, N. W., advised that after she returned from the West Coast in the summer of 1932 or 1933, that she resided with her husband in an apartment at 2827 28th Street, until Apartment #20 was vacated at 2831 28th Street, N. W. She believes that this apartment was vacated around December, 1934 or January or February, 1935. In any event she is positive that she moved into Apartment #20 after Mrs. HARRY J. DONOGHUE moved out of this apartment. Mrs. FEHR could not identify photographs of ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Likewise she was unable to associate names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, GEORGE CROSLEY, CARL or CARL CARLSON with the apartment house at 2831 28th Street, N. W. She emphasized that upon her return to her present address, that she was very ill and did not at that time become very friendly with tenants in the apartment house other than those tenants with whom she was acquainted prior to moving to the west around 1931 or 1932.

HARRY J. DONOGHUE, real estate agent, R. A. Humphries Realty Company, 808 North Capitol Street, advised that he was unable to identify photographs of ALGER HISS, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Likewise he cannot associate the names of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, GEORGE CROSLEY, CARL or CARL CARLSON with tenants or visitors at 2831 28th Street, N. W.

Mrs. HARRY J. DONOGHUE, 309 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, advised that she resided in Apartment #20, 2831 28th Street, N. W., for about ten years and that she moved to her present address on December 15, 1934. She recalls that Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH C. FEHR moved to the vacated apartment on the same day that she moved from that apartment. Mrs.

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DONOGHUE advised that she was not personally acquainted with either ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, however, she knew that they resided in Apartment #42, 2831 28th Street during the latter part of her residence at that address. She advised that the HISSES were aloof and she did not know any tenants in the apartment house with whom they were friendly. They were not very congenial and would not even nod or say hello when they met other tenants of the apartment house on the stairs or in the lobby. Mrs. DONOGHUE stated that she knew of the family because Mr. HISS' step-son, TIM, used to play with her son HARRY. She advised that both boys were of about the same age at that time. TIM frequently visited her apartment especially to listen to the radio programs with her son. At that time, she advised, TIM was attending Landon School and Mrs. HISS drove him to school in a black car that she believed to be a Roadster. In any event, she is positive that this car had a rumble seat as TIM would frequently ride in the rumble seat when both of his parents were in the car. She recalls that TIM told her son that Mr. HISS was not his real father. Mrs. DONOGHUE advised that after the publicity which arose in the paper in regard to this case, she discussed this matter with her son HARRY. He was able to remember TIM but could not recall either his father or mother. She stated that he also examined the photographs of Mr. HISS in the paper but this did not assist him in this matter. She advised that she and her husband were never in the HISSES' apartment and that when she discussed this matter with her son, he stated that he cannot recall having been in their apartment.

Mrs. DONOGHUE was unable to identify the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or Mrs. CHAMBERS. She did not associate the names of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, GEORGE CROSLEY, CARL or CARL CARLSON with visitors or tenants at this apartment house. She stated that at the time she moved from 2831 28th Street that the HISS family was still residing on the 4th floor in Apartment #42. During the entire time that she recalls the HISSES as having resided at this address, she cannot recall any visitors to the HISS apartment.

Mrs. JOHN A. PLUGGE, 35 Oxford Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, formerly resided in Apartment #11, 2831 28th Street, N. W. Mrs. PLUGGE was previously interviewed by Special Agent THEODORE S. KRAMER and Special Agent WILLIAM H. ATKINSON. At that time she furnished a signed statement in which she indicated that an individual whom she now knows to be JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, because of the newspaper publicity in regard to this case, formerly resided on an upper floor in the apartment house at 2831 28th Street. At the time this interview was conducted this office was not in possession of pictures of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

On February 8, 1949, Mrs. PLUGGE examined a photograph of Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but advised that she was unable to identify her. At the same time she examined a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She advised

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that she was unable to identify this photograph as the person who resided at 2831 28th Street. However, in view of the publicity in connection with this case and various photographs that have appeared in the press, she is certain that this individual was WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Mrs. PLUGGE advised that she is still positive in her identification of the other photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in which he is holding a baby. She advised that she could not furnish a thorough description of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but that she does recall that he was a man of about her height. She stated that she is about 5' 4" tall.

Mrs. DANIEL P. RALPH, 6806 Denton Road, Bethesda, Maryland, formerly resided in Apartment #22, 2831 28th Street, N. W. Mrs. RALPH was previously interviewed and was unable to furnish any pertinent information, however, at the time of this interview, photographs of Mrs. CHAMBERS were not shown to Mrs. RALPH. In view of the fact that Mrs. CHAMBERS is alleged to have had a small baby living with her during the time they resided at 2831 28th Street, and due to the fact that Mrs. RALPH likewise had very small children, it was deemed advisable to permit her to examine the photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS. She was unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. CHAMBERS. Likewise, she examined a photograph of ALGER HISS and additional photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS but was unable to identify any of these individuals.

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3411 O Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents EDWARD E. LINEHAN and JOHN H. KENOYER:

Mr. ABRAM B. FULK, 3530 W Place, N. W., advised the above agents that he did reside at 3418 O Street, N. W., during 1933-34, but that he is not acquainted with ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. Mr. FULK further advised that his wife was not acquainted with either HISS or CHAMBERS.

Mr. WILLIAM R. STARK, who is employed as a laborer by the Huerich Brewery Company, 26th and Water Streets, N. W., advised that he did reside at 3417 O Street, N. W., for a short period. He stated that this was approximately during 1934-35, but that he was not acquainted with either ALGER HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON:

Mr. HARLEY CLARK, a garage owner at 2412 18th Street, N. W., reported having resided at 1328 34th Street during 1933 and 1934. Mr. CLARK stated he never knew Mr. CHAMBERS or Mr. HISS nor has he any information concerning their activities.

Mr. CHARLES BITTINGER, Sr., 3403 O Street, N. W., stated he is a retired Physicist and Painter. He has lived at his present address since 1929. He is not acquainted with Mr. HISS or Mr. CHAMBERS. Mr. BITTINGER could not identify a photograph of Mr. CHAMBERS. He reported no additional information.

Mr. JAMES L. BUCKLER, 2618 North Quantico Street, Arlington, Virginia, stated that although he lived across the street from the HISS home at 3411 O Street, N. W., he never knew their names or was acquainted with any of the family. Mr. BUCKLER stated that he has no information concerning Mr. HISS or Mr. CHAMBERS.

Mrs. CHARLES W. SMITH, 2133 R Street, N. W., stated that during the time she lived at 3401 O Street, N. W., she had a neighborly acquaintanceship with the HISSES. She was in their house only occasionally. She does not recall seeing a typewriter in their home. She could not identify a picture of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and stated that she has no information concerning Mr. HISS or CHAMBERS. She stated that her daughter MARGARET played with "TIMMY", the son of Mrs. HISS by her first marriage.

Mr. CHARLES W. SMITH, 2133 O Street, N. W., advised he was the neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS during the time they resided at 3411 O Street

N. W., in 1933 and 1934. He lived next door at 3409 O Street, N. W. He stated that he was a social visitor in their home on a couple of occasions and he knew Mr. HISS casually; however, he could not recall having met WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or having seen him in the neighborhood. Mr. SMITH stated that he does not recall seeing a typewriter in the HISS home. He further advised that during the war he was Zone Air Raid Warden and that Mrs. HISS was a Deputy Building Officer. He searched his files concerning the Civilian Defense Program and advised that he has no typewritten correspondence from Mrs. HISS.

Mr. ISADORE FELDMAN, 3400 O Street, N. W., operator of the District Grocery Store at that address since 1932, stated that he did not know Mr. ALGER HISS when they lived across the street at 3411. He was unable to recognize a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and stated that he cannot recall HISS' having traded at his store.

Mrs. E. P. GILLISPIE ~~B.~~ SMITH, 2127 R Street, N. W., reported that she knew Mr. and Mrs. HISS and TIMOTHY HOBSON while residing at 3409 O Street, N. W., however, she was not frequently in their home and can recall nothing pertinent to this investigation. She stated that the picture of CHAMBERS is not familiar and she does not recall seeing him in the neighborhood. She reported that Mr. ELIOT O'HARA, a nationally known painter, was their good friend at that time and might be able to furnish information to the Agents. She reported that her sister MARGARET LYONS SMITH was more of the same age as TIMOTHY HOBSON than she and her sister might recall something of importance.

Miss MARGARET LYONS SMITH, Resident Manager of the LeBourget Apartments, 2127 California Street, N. W., advised that she resided at 3409 O Street, N. W., for several years during the 1930's. While living there she became acquainted with ~~TIMOTHY~~ HOBSON, son of Mrs. ALGER HISS. She became slightly acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. HISS. She was about eight years old at that time; however, and cannot recall seeing a typewriter in the HISS home nor could she recognize a picture of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She stated that she does not know any of the friends of Mr. HISS.

Mr. CHARLES MINER, 1901 19th Street, N. W., Apartment 30, an insurance executive, reported that he lived across the street on O Street from Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS in 1933 and 1934. He was not acquainted with them or Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He could not identify a photograph of Mr. CHAMBERS taken in 1936. Mr. MINER informed that a Mr. GREY FOSTER had been his neighbor two doors away and Mr. FOSTER was active socially, therefore, he believes Mr. FOSTER may have been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. HISS. He stated that he does not know the present whereabouts of Mr. FOSTER, however, Mr. JOHN W. CHILDRESS of the Veterans Administration is a relative and could possibly furnish that information.

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Mr. JOHN W. CHILDRESS, 3701 Oliver Street, N. W., advised that Mr. GREY FOSTER now lives at 215 El Bravo Way, West Palm Beach, Florida and that he will have to be contacted before January 17, 1949, as he is leaving the country on an extended tour.

Mr. CHARLES BITTINGER, Jr., 3403 O Street, N. W., employed at Lyons Incorporated Real Estate, 3004 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, advised on January 13, 1949, that he has lived at the above address since 1932. He recalled that about 1933 or 1934 there was a family living at 3411 O Street, N. W., by the name of HISS and he has subsequently found out that the family was that of ALGER HISS. He stated that he believes he can recall seeing Mr. HISS drive a green-blue 1929 Ford two-door coach and further recalled seeing it parked in front of the HISS home on many occasions. Mr. BITTINGER was shown a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken in 1936. He stated that the photograph seems familiar to him but he does not know the individual's name. He reported that he associates the individual in the photograph with the person he often saw entering and leaving the HISS home in the early 1930's. He stated that he was sure he saw the same person use the 1929 automobile that he believed belonged to Mr. HISS. A signed statement was obtained from Mr. BITTINGER on January 17, 1949, as follows:

"January 17, 1949

"I, CHARLES BITTINGER, Jr., make the following voluntary statement to Philip H. Wilson and Carl N. DeTemple, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made, nor force used to compel me to give this statement. I have been advised and understand that I have a right to counsel and understand that anything which I may say in this statement may be used in a court of law.

"My name is CHARLES BITTINGER, Jr.; I am 34 years old having been born January 29, 1914 in New York, New York. I now reside at 1007 North Daniel Street, Arlington, Virginia.

"I resided at 3403 O Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., from September, 1929 until June, 1939. I recall that for two or three years, about 1933 and 1934, there was a family living at 3411 O Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., who were known to me as the HISS family. I have since determined that this family is the ALGER HISS'. I never had occasion to enter the HISS home nor did I know Mr. HISS personally.

"I associate a green-blue, 1929 Ford two-door coach with the HISS family. It used to be parked in front of their house. My recollection is that I saw members of the HISS family come out of the house and get into it on many occasions.

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"I have been shown a photograph, which the Agents advised me is a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, taken about 1936. The person in the photograph seems familiar to me although I did not know the person's name. I associate the individual in the photograph with an individual I recollect seeing on the street in front of the HISS house during the time they lived there.

"I believe I saw the person pictured in the photograph enter and leave the HISS home on many occasions, usually in the late afternoon or evening and on Saturdays and Sundays. I also recollect seeing the same person use the 1929 Ford automobile that I believe belonged to Mr. HISS.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two typewritten pages each of which I have initialed and acknowledge to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ CHARLES BITTINGER, Jr.

Witnessed:

PHILIP H. WILSON
Special Agent, FBI
Washington, D. C.

CARL N. DE TEMPLE
Sepcial Agent, FBI
Wash., D. C."

Mr. BITTINGER informed that JAMES L. BUCKLER, 2618 North Quantico Street, Arlington, Virginia and a brother GEORGE BUCKLER who was employed at the Washington Gas Light Company, were neighbors of his during the 1930's. He suggested a possibility that the brothers might be able to furnish some information of importance to this investigation.

On January 14, 1949, Mrs. CHARLES BITTINGER, Jr., 107 North Daniels Street, Arlington, Virginia, was contacted and advised that she lived with her parents at 3409 O Street, N. W., from 1931 to 1945. She stated that although she had a speaking acquaintance with the HISS family, she did not know them well enough to recollect any information that would be of help to this investigation. She stated that she knew TIMOTHY HOBSON casually. She never knew any of Mr. HISS's friends nor could she identify a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. During the war she saw Mrs. HISS frequently as both were working in the Civilian Defense Post at the Lutheran Church on Wisconsin Avenue at Prospect Street, N. W. She could recall receiving no correspondence from Mrs. HISS in connection with her duties.

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Mr. FRANCIS GAY BITTINGER, 3403 O Street, N. W., advised he has lived at that residence all his life; however, he is not acquainted with Mr. ALGER HISS or Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He advised that he could not identify a photograph taken of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in 1936, nor has he any knowledge of the activities of Mr. HISS while residing in the 3400 block of O Street, N. W.

Mr. JOHN LOCHER, 3415 O Street, N. W., advised he was residing at 3423 O Street, N. W., in 1933 and 1934; however, he was not acquainted with Mr. ALGER HISS or with Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, nor could he identify a picture of Mr. CHAMBERS which was taken in 1936. He stated that he has no information concerning either individual.

Mr. LOCHER's sister, Mrs. MARY T. SHOEMAKER of 3421 O Street, N. W., was contacted by the writer and advised other Agents had interviewed her several days previously. Mrs. SHOEMAKER was not questioned further.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CARL N. DE TEMPLE and Special Agent J. J. WALSH:

Mrs. ABBEY H. CASANDES, 6711 Delfield Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised that she and her husband, ALEX, formerly resided at 3436 O Street, N. W., from September, 1934 until August, 1935. She explained that during this period she and her husband were both employed and had little or no contact with any of their neighbors. Mrs. CASANDES had no knowledge of the HISS family residing at 3411 O Street, N. W., or in that community.

Two photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS taken in 1931 and 1936 were exhibited to Mrs. CASANDES by the interviewing agents. She could not recall ever seeing anyone whom she could identify as being the individual in the aforementioned photographs. Also, the names of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, GEORGE CROSLEY or CARL were not familiar to her.

Mr. ALEX CASANDES, Chief Auditor, Pre-audit Section, Department of Justice, was interviewed in his office on January 26, 1949, by Special Agent HERBERT S. HAWKINS and the writer. Mr. CASANDES could add nothing to the information previously furnished by his wife. Mr. CASANDES could not recognize the individual in the previously described photographs nor was the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or his associated names familiar to him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents PAUL H. HOGE and EDWARD M. MULLIN:

Mr. LEON J. THOMAS, 3415 O Street, N. W., was contacted and advised that he has resided at this address for approximately twenty years and that

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WILLIAM A. THOMAS, now deceased but formerly also of this address, was his father. Mr. THOMAS, who has for many years been the proprietor of a grocery store at this address, advised that to his knowledge he was not acquainted with HISS or did HISS purchase groceries in his store. He advised that since recent publicity regarding HISS has come to his attention, he recalls him as an individual who formerly resided at 3411 O Street, who did considerable entertaining, was often absent for numerous days in succession and very often utilized the services of a taxicab for transportation. Mr. THOMAS advised he had no recollection of any automobile which he knew to be the property of HISS or of any of his associates. He said the name GEORGE CROSLEY had no meaning to him except as a name. He was unable to identify a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, nor did he recall ever having seen an individual in this neighborhood that resembled the photograph.

Mr. THOMAS suggested that a possibility might exist that HISS had purchased food from the District Grocery Store located at 3400 O Street and managed by ISADORE FELDMAN. He stated Mr. FELDMAN had been in business at this location for approximately fifteen years. He further stated that Mr. CHARLES BITTINGER, 3403 O Street, N. W., retired Marine Officer, has resided at that address for many years and that it was his (Mr. THOMAS') opinion that BITTINGER resided in this neighborhood during the period that HISS resided there.

Mr. THOMAS was unable to cite other individuals who might have recalled ALGER HISS and his family.

Mrs. CHARLES E. CLEMENTSON, 3410 O Street, N. W., a neighbor of ALGER HISS during his residence at 3411 O Street, was contacted. Mrs. CLEMENTSON appeared to be somewhat deaf, quite incoherent, nervous and possibly somewhat distraught mentally. She made it known that her husband is employed in the Treasury Department, but other attempts to gain information met with the above difficulties.

Mr. CHARLES E. CLEMENTSON advised that due to recent publicity he was aware that ALGER HISS formerly lived somewhere in the same neighborhood that he (CLEMENTSON) lived and is living in at the present time, but that he does not recall HISS' automobile, individuals who visited his home nor was he able to identify a picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Mr. ALFRED HAND presently of 3415 Woodley Road, N. W., an employee of the Commerce Department, advised that he had formerly lived at 3412 O Street, N. W., in about 1935 but that he did not recall ALGER HISS nor had he had any acquaintance with him on a professional basis though he said he was at a loss to understand why he had not met HISS in that both were in various Government meetings from time to time. Mr. HAND said he had no information to disclose regarding any automobile that HISS formerly owned nor was he able

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to identify the picture of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He did not recall any individual by the name of GEORGE CROSLEY.

Mr. HAND stated that it was his opinion that HISS probably moved from 3411 O Street prior to or shortly after he (HAND) moved to 3412 O Street, N. W.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents DONALD WALTER and ROBERT O. CHICHESTER:

Mrs. EDWARD L. FRAWLEY, 1324 35th Street, N. W., advised that she formerly lived at 3420 O Street, N. W., from 1933 to 1935. Mrs. FRAWLEY stated that she knew ALGER HISS and his wife by sight but that the extent of her conversations with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS consisted of greetings of the day and that she had no extended conversations with either of them. Mrs. FRAWLEY advised that she paid no attention to associates of the HISS family or visitors to their home and added that she would be unable to identify from photographs any callers at the HISS residence. When a photograph of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was shown to Mrs. FRAWLEY, she advised that she would be unable to identify that photograph with any visitor at the HISS home.

It was reported that one ROBERT L. PERKINS who formerly resided at 3407 O Street, N. W., might be acquainted with ALGER HISS inasmuch as HISS and his family were living at 3411 O Street, N. W., in 1933 when ROBERT PERKINS was also an occupant of the home at 3407.

Mrs. ROBERT L. PERKINS, 124 Williams Street, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that she and her husband formerly lived at 63 New York Avenue, N. W., in Washington, D. C. Mrs. PERKINS advised that neither she nor her husband had ever lived on O Street, N. W.

It is to be noted that there is no other ROBERT L. PERKINS listed in the 1948 city or telephone directories. A review of the 1934 city directory reflects that ROBERT L. PERKINS and his wife, EMMA, lived at 3407 O Street, N. W., and that PERKINS was a lawyer. The 1948 city directory has no ROBERT L., ROBERT, or R. L. PERKINS who is a lawyer listed.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent PHILIP H. WILSON:

Mr. ROBERT L. TIPPETT, 3426 O Street, N. W., advised that he has resided at that address since 1933. He stated, however, that he was not aware of the fact that Mr. ALGER HISS had resided in that neighborhood and that he has no knowledge of Mr. HISS' activities during 1933 and 1934.

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Mr. TIPPETT stated that he is unable to identify a photograph of Mr. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He further informed he has no information concerning this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DONALD WALTER:

Mr. MARTIN SULLIVAN, 3432 P Street, N. W., was interviewed on December 8, 1949. Mr. SULLIVAN advised that he had resided at 3411 O Street, N. W., for many years prior to 1940 and that he was living there during the years 1933-35. Mr. SULLIVAN, who is elderly and quite feeble, advised that he is unable to recall the names of any of his neighbors when he was residing at the above mentioned address. He stated that he does not recall the ALGER HISS family.

It will be recalled that ELLEN SULLIVAN was reported to have been a neighbor of the ALGER HISS family when they resided at 3411 O Street, N. W., during the years 1933 to 1935.

Mr. SULLIVAN advised that his wife's name is ELLEN. Attention is invited to the interview set out in this memorandum with Miss JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN concerning a second ELLEN SULLIVAN who resided at 3422 O Street, N. W. during the years 1933 to 1935.

Miss JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN, 3422 O Street, N. W., advised that she has resided at this address her entire lifetime. She stated that her mother's name was ELLEN SULLIVAN but that she has been dead for ten years. Miss JOSEPHINE SULLIVAN, who is elderly and who was extremely nebulous in reply to questions, advised that she does not recall the ALGER HISS family and in fact is acquainted with very few people residing in that neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES M. DURANT, 2122 Decatur Place, N. W., were interviewed on February 8 and February 9, 1949. The DURANTS stated that they resided at 3408 O Street, N. W., in 1933 and 1934. The DURANTS said that they were not aware that the ALGER HISS family ever resided at 3411 O Street, N. W., and further that they had lived at the above mentioned address for only two years and that they were not well acquainted with people in the neighborhood.

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No specific lead is being set out for Washington Field in this matter but investigation is being continued by Washington Field in other phases of this case.

The following leads have been set out by the Washington Field Office by teletype or by letter looking toward the interview of neighbors of ALGER HISS at his Washington addresses:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FORMER NEIGHBOR TO BE INTERVIEWED</u>
WFO letter dated January 12, 1949 to Albany	Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WYMAN HORTON
Teletype January 13, 1949 to Miami	GREY FOSTER
Letter January 14, 1949 to Richmond	THOMAS SWANN
Letter January 14, 1949 to Baltimore	Captain ALEXANDER SHARP
Teletype January 18, 1949 to Baltimore	GEORGE M. HOSTETLER
Teletype January 19, 1949 to New York	AUGUSTUS G. PAYNE
Teletype January 24, 1949 to Baltimore	Mrs. WILLA MAY F. DAVIS
Teletype January 25, 1949 to Chicago	JOHN H. WARD
Letter - January 27, 1949, to Los Angeles	Mrs. JOSEPH H. THOMS
Letter - January 27, 1949, to St. Paul	TRACY F. TYLER
Letter - January 27, 1949, to NEWARK	BERNALD L. FALK

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Teletype January 28, 1949 to
Baltimore

IDA V. ROBBINS

Teletype January 28, 1949 to
Richmond

THOMAS TEMPLE HILL

Teletype February 2, 1949 to
New York

GEORGE EDWARD DIETHELM

Teletype February 4, 1949 to
New York

WILLIAM F. EARLS

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHAMBERS interviewed in Washington Field February 1 and 2, 1949 and information concerning residences of HISS obtained from him set out. Information from utilities companies reflect that ALGER HISS had duplicate service at 2831 28th Street, N. W., and 2905 P Street, N. W., from April 17, 1935 to June 29, 1935. Information obtained from real estate companies relative to leases of ALGER HISS set out. Mrs. EDWARD BURLING, Jr., formerly Mrs. JOSEPH COTTON, who was believed to have met Mrs. CHAMBERS at 2905 P Street, interviewed and signed a statement that she cannot recall such a meeting nor recognize Mr. or Mrs. CHAMBERS from photographs exhibited to her. Signed statement obtained from ELEANOR VIVIAN PLUGGE who from newspaper photographs identified WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as an individual she saw at 2831 28th Street. Another signed statement obtained from CHARLES BITTINGER who associated a photograph of CHAMBERS with an individual he saw in front of HISS home at 3411 O Street. Other neighborhood investigation negative.

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Bureau teletype dated December 8, 1948

Report of COURTLAND J. JONES dated January 27, 1949,
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